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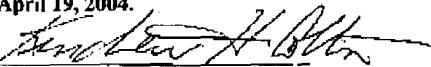
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We acknowledge with appreciation your foresight and courtesy in contacting us regarding this application. We confirm what you surmised, namely that an Amendment had been filed, and we enclose a duplicate copy of the December 11, 2003 Amendment together with our post card receipt. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let us know. Again, thank you for telephoning this morning.

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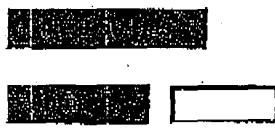
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- 1 6,625,687 ■ Memory module employing a junction circuit for point-to-point connection isolation, voltage translation, data synchronization, and multiplexing/demultiplexing
- 2 6,625,682 ■ Electromagnetically-coupled bus system
- 3 6,625,555 ■ Variable resistance measuring loop having compensational function for environmental factors
- 4 6,625,536 ■ Method and device for controlling and adjusting a clutch in an automotive automatic stepped gearbox
- 5 6,625,526 ■ Method and device for monitoring vehicles and/or control functions
- 6 6,625,495 ■ Body-cavity probe with body conformable member
- 7 6,625,481 ■ Electrode assembly and method for signaling a monitor
- 8 6,625,479 ■ Optical sensor for in situ measurement of analytes
- 9 6,625,359 ■ Dispersion-shifted single-mode optical fiber optimized for high data rates
- 10 6,625,338 ■ Optical NRZ-RZ format converter
- 11 6,625,329 ■ Method for improving the definition of digital images
- 12 6,625,289 ■ Stereo loudspeaker system
- 13 6,625,267 ■ Billing system
- 14 6,625,255 ■ Apparatus and method for communications loop characterization
- 15 6,625,253 ■ High ratio, high efficiency mammography grid system
- 16 6,625,239 ■ Circuit for capturing frame sync signal in receiver
- 17 6,625,201 ■ Coherent receiver with channel estimator
- 18 6,625,155 ■ Model-based admission control adjustment in data networks

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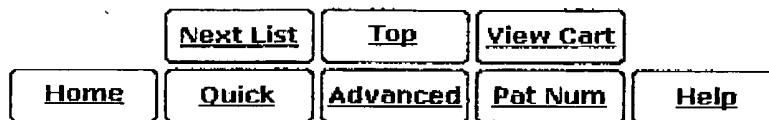
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- 19 6,625,126 Method and apparatus for enhancing wireless data network telephony, including quality of service monitoring and control
- 20 6,625,032 AQUEOUS DISPERSION FORMING CONDUCTIVE LAYER, CONDUCTIVE LAYER, ELECTRONIC COMPENT, CIRCUIT BOARD AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AND MULTILAYER WIRING BOARD AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME
- 21 6,625,012 Degaussing coil fixing holder for a monitor
- 22 6,625,010 Tower network apparatus
- 23 6,625,004 Electrostatic actuators with intrinsic stress gradient
- 24 6,624,957 Circuit for controlling the write current of a magnetic disk recording apparatus and method for optimizing the write current
- 25 6,624,885 Method and device for non-destructive analysis of perforation in a material
- 26 6,624,789 Method and system for improving isolation in radio-frequency antennas
- 27 6,624,785 Receiver designed to pick up an electromagnetic signal and system using such a receiver
- 28 6,624,778 Averaging amplifier array
- 29 6,624,748 Method for monitoring a condition of a tire
- 30 6,624,726 High Q factor MEMS resonators
- 31 6,624,617 Apparatus and method for stabilizing the voltage of an AC generator with variable rotor speed
- 32 6,624,603 Method and device for determining the actual reversal of a follow-on rotary drive
- 33 6,624,598 Ballast and method of feeding a fluorescent lamp
- 34 6,624,596 Device for lighting discharge lamp
- 35 6,624,579 Magnetron drive power supply
- 36 6,624,524 Laser alignment target
- 37 6,624,493 Biasing, operation and parasitic current limitation in single device equivalent to CMOS, and other semiconductor systems
- 38 6,624,490 Unipolar spin diode and the applications of the same
- 39 6,624,474 Semiconductor device with scalable withstandng voltage
- 40 6,624,443 Display device with an improved contact hole arrangement for contacting a semiconductor layer through an insulation film
- 41 6,624,417 Apparatus and method for judging plastic
- 42 6,624,416 Uncooled niobium trisulfide midwavelength infrared detector
- 43 6,624,382 Configured-hole high-speed drilling system for micro-via pattern formation, and resulting structure
- 44 6,624,367 Micromachine switch
- 45 6,624,327 Process for preparing betaines
- 46 6,624,326 Method for preparing heteropolyacid catalyst and method for producing methacrylic acid
- 47 6,624,319 Process for the epoxidation of olefins
- 48 6,624,286 Double-metal cyanide catalysts containing polyester for preparing polyether polyols
- 49 6,624,270 Copolymers derived from vinyl dicyanoimidazoles and other monomers
- 50 6,624,266 Compositions and methods of using preactivated unsupported catalyst compositions having a given concentration

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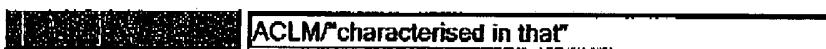
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- 1 [6,625,670](#) **Network interface card asynchronous interface with signalling lines and at least eight data lines for switching between forward channel and reverse channel**
- 2 [6,625,320](#) **Transcoding**
- 3 [6,624,788](#) **Antenna arrangement**
- 4 [6,624,732](#) **Superconducting magnet assembly and method**
- 5 [6,624,472](#) **Semiconductor device with voltage sustaining zone**
- 6 [6,624,362](#) **Electronically detectable resonance label, in particular RFID label**
- 7 [6,624,341](#) **Breathable backsheet design for disposable absorbent articles**
- 8 [6,624,319](#) **Process for the epoxidation of olefins**
- 9 [6,624,199](#) **Aminobenzophenones**
- 10 [6,623,767](#) **Mixture containing honey, at least one essential oil and/or at least one essential oil derivative**
- 11 [6,623,146](#) **Lifting apparatus particularly for lighting fittings**
- 12 [6,623,054](#) **Collision safety device for vehicles**
- 13 [6,622,796](#) **Apparatus and method for facilitating the connection of tubulars using a top drive**
- 14 [6,622,384](#) **Method and apparatus for forming spring units**
- 15 [6,621,575](#) **Method and device for analyzing molecular reaction products in biological cells**
- 16 [6,621,047](#) **Method and sensor device for monitoring a laser machining operation to be performed on a work piece as well as laser machining head with a sensor device of the kind**
- 17 [6,620,883](#) **Process for the preparation of graft rubber latexes having a reduced residual monomer content**

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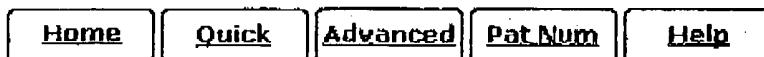
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- 18 6,620,818 Method for reducing the severity of side effects of chemotherapy and/or radiation therapy
- 19 6,620,372 Method and device for drawing a molten material contained in a crucible
- 20 6,620,355 Method for compacting aerogels
- 21 6,620,331 Method of etching an opening
- 22 6,620,241 Gluing unit of a tail end of a log
- 23 6,620,066 Drive unit for an alternator of a motor vehicle
- 24 6,619,937 Hydraulic machine
- 25 6,619,582 Paper roll holder
- 26 6,619,454 Thermal disconnect device
- 27 6,619,177 Device; especially for clearing of land mines
- 28 6,619,017 Apparatus and method for conveying items
- 29 6,618,182 Magneto-optic switching element comprising a faraday rotator
- 30 6,618,113 Liquid crystal device
- 31 6,617,847 Sensing device for the non-destructive evaluation of steel structures or components
- 32 6,617,541 Laser etching method
- 33 6,616,806 Manufacture of paper and paperboard
- 34 6,616,648 Absorbent article having v-shaped elastic attached to backsheet
- 35 6,616,645 Absorbent diaper pants for children with therapeutic orthopaedic pad
- 36 6,616,618 Method of and device for visualizing the orientation of therapeutic sound waves onto an area to be treated or processed
- 37 6,616,499 Interconnection of toy building elements in a releasable secure engagement
- 38 6,616,120 Hydraulic diaphragm valve, for fluid flow regulation
- 39 6,616,029 Stapler with reversible electric motor
- 40 6,615,982 Golf bag
- 41 6,615,865 Valve for high pressure gas cylinders
- 42 6,615,768 Head gate element comprising a solid control bar provided with a notch for locking the movable bar
- 43 6,615,751 Method for reducing agglomeration, sintering and deposit formation in gasification and combustion of biomass
- 44 6,615,734 Munition article with antenna for satellite navigation
- 45 6,615,604 Assembly of a component of a vehicle air conditioning system to a support structure
- 46 6,615,102 Process and system for compensating static errors on numerically controlled machine tools
- 47 6,614,962 Method and a device for installing optical fibres
- 48 6,614,095 Diamond component with rear side contact and a method for the production thereof
- 49 6,613,598 Method for making a photovoltaic cell containing a dye
- 50 6,613,367 Infant formula

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